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TISSUE TREATMENT IN CONDUCTIVE FLUID**

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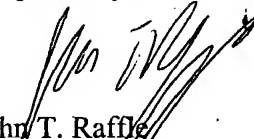
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Arthrocare Corporation is the Assignee of the invention entitled: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ELECTROSURGICAL CUTTING AND ABLATION, the specification of which is attached hereto or X was filed on November 22, 1995 as Application Serial No. 08/561,958.

The Assignment accompanying this Power of Attorney has been reviewed by the undersigned. The undersigned certifies that to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the Assignee. The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to act on behalf of the Assignee.

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As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ELECTROSURGICAL CUTTING AND ABLATION.

the specification of which is attached hereto or X was filed on November 22, 1995 as Application No. 08/561,958 and was amended on (if applicable).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56. I claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

| Country | Application No. | Date of Filing | Priority Claimed Under 35 USC 119 |
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| | PCT/U894/05168 | May 10, 1994 | Yes <u>X</u> No <u> </u> |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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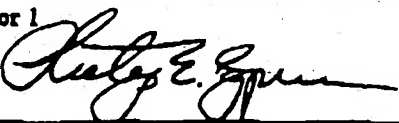
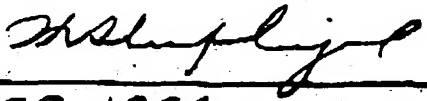
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| 08/485,219 | June 7, 1995 | <u> </u> Patented <u>X</u> Pending <u> </u> Abandoned |
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